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IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERIC
INVESTIGATION INTO NUMBER RESOURCE
OPTIMIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
NUMBER POOLING IN ARIZONA.

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PROCEDURAL ORDER**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On January 23, 2002, the Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Staff") filed a Request for Procedural Order to commence the Generic Investigation for the purpose of obtaining comments from interested parties and members of Industry concerning the implementation of number pooling and other number conservation methods in Arizona.

The Federal Communication Commission ("FCC"), in In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, et.al., Docket No. 99-200 et. al., Order (Rel. July 20, 2000) delegated to Arizona the authority to institute thousands-block number pooling in the 480, 520, 602, and 623 NPAs and the authority to conduct audits of a carrier's use of numbering resources, consistent with national numbering guidelines. Staff believes that information from industry and interested parties regarding the following issues would be helpful to the Commission:

1. Which Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA") should be selected for the first pooling trial?
2. If the MSA contains multiple NPAs, which NPA should be first?
3. What is an appropriate interval for implementing number pooling between NPAs where more than one exists in a MSA?
4. If the geographic area of a NPA is greater than the MSA, should number pooling be implemented in the entire NPA?
5. How soon in 2001 might a number pooling trial begin?
6. How should number pooling costs be allocated (all carriers, pooling carriers only, only

1 carriers within the MSA, etc.)?

2 7. How should number pooling costs be recovered?

3 8. Are there unique aspects of your network in Arizona as compared to those found in
4 states where number pooling has already been implemented?

5 9. Are there rate centers within the state that can be consolidated? If so, which ones and
6 how soon could it be accomplished?

7 10. What degree of contamination (i.e. 5%, 10%, etc.) should be allowed in thousands-
8 blocks donated to the numbering pool?

9 11. What other issues should be addressed as part of a pooling trial?

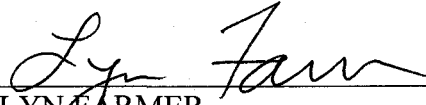
10 12. What additional number conservation methods may be implemented to maximize the
11 life of the NPAs within Arizona?

12 Accordingly, a generic investigation should be undertaken to aid and assist the Commission in
13 its implementation of number pooling and other number conservation methods. Interested parties
14 should submit written comments to the twelve questions set forth above, no later than March 7, 2001.

15 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a Generic Investigation is hereby commenced for the
16 purpose of obtaining comments from interested parties and members of the industry concerning the
17 implementation of number pooling and other number conservation methods in the State of Arizona.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that interested parties and members of the industry shall submit
19 written comments to the issues/questions set forth above, no later than March 7, 2001.

20 DATED this 13th day of February, 2001.

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